

## What Others Are Saying...

...About CDFA's Appeal of the Santa Cruz Superior Court LBAM Ruling

### **Santa Cruz County Ruling Sets An Unacceptable Precedent:**

**California Citrus Mutual President Joel Nelson:** "Once again the administration is taking all the appropriate steps to protect the health and welfare of our citizens, environment and economy as it relates to the LBAM eradication program and we applaud their effort. Unfortunately a judge's decision rendered this good-faith effort moot as his decision places bureaucracy before health, welfare and the eradication." (*California Citrus Mutual, Letter, 4/24/08*)

**Monterey County Farm Bureau President Jason Smith:** "California agriculture has been jeopardized by a court ruling that undermines protection against invasive pests. If our state and national pest prevention system can be vetoed by a local court, we will have no protection at all." (*Monterey County Farm Bureau, Press Release, 4/22/08*)

**Los Angeles County Farm Bureau President Terry Munz:** "This ruling jeopardizes farmers throughout California against invasive pests such as LBAM. The agricultural community needs eradication programs such as these, so that we can protect the future of agriculture and the environment in the state. LACFB is pleased that the California Agriculture Secretary, A.G. Kawamura's department, will aggressively seek to expedite an appeal to the Santa Cruz County Superior Court judge ruling." (*Los Angeles County Farm Bureau, Press Release, 4/24/08*)

**California Grape & Tree Fruit League President Barry Bedwell:** "In reality, inaction is not a viable option in the challenge to eradicate the Light Brown Apple Moth in dealing with invasive pests, time is of the essence, and this decision would set an unacceptable precedent for the future." (*Barry Bedwell, President, California Grape & Tree Fruit League, 4/22/08*)

**California Tomato Growers Association President Ross Siragusa:** "By the time the suggested study is completed, the moth may have spread to other sensitive areas causing enormous economic damage which may necessitate the use of pesticides as opposed to the environmentally benign pheromone." (*California Tomato Growers Association, Letter, 4/24/08*)

**Agricultural Council of California President Donald Gordon:** "Unnecessary delays will undoubtedly lead to a further spreading on the infestation and make eradication efforts even more difficult." (*Agricultural Council, Letter, 4/24/08*)

**Wine Institute:** "Wine Institute supports Secretary Kawamura's prompt decision to appeal the Santa Cruz court ruling. Complying with the California Environmental Quality Act is of the utmost importance. For decades, the development of environmental documentation has occurred concurrently with the swift implementation of pest eradication and containment efforts to protect California's economy and environment." (*Wine Institute, Letter, 4/24/08*)

### **Growers Fear Statewide Quarantine As A Result Of Santa Cruz Court Ruling:**

**Western Growers Director of Communications Wendy Fink-Weber:** "Today's court ruling delaying the Light Brown Apple Moth eradication program might take us one step closer to a statewide quarantine that would have severe economic consequences throughout California." (*Western Growers, Press Release, 4/24/08*)

**California Farm Bureau Director of Internal Trade & Plant Health Rayne Thompson:** "The state needs the ability to act quickly on invading pests and disease before populations grow too large to manage and they become a greater threat to the environment, the economy and human health. Other California counties, other states and other nations don't want the moth." (*California Farm Bureau, Press Release, 4/24/08*)

**Monterey County Farm Bureau President Jason Smith:** "If we wait for more crop damage it could be too late to eradicate this pest. This is why we have an approved process to detect, identify and eradicate unwanted pests as soon as possible." (*Monterey County Farm Bureau, Press Release, 4/22/08*)





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## **California Scientists Applaud CDFA For Seeking An Appeal:**

**California Association of Professional Scientists President Patty Velez:** "We applaud CDFA for seeking an appeal of today's court ruling. The Light Brown Apple Moth continues to be a threat to the agriculture, environment and economy, not just to Santa Cruz but the entire state of California." (*California Association of Professional Scientists, Press Release, 4/24/08*)

